MR. G. M. MEHKRI.—The feasibility of starting land mortgage societies for the Harihar Sub-Taluk and the Chitaldrug Taluk is being investigated.

MR. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Is it not necessary to open one at Davangere?

MR. G. M. MEHKRI.—It is not possible, and an endorsement to that effect has been given to the applicants from this taluk.

Construction of a Bridge across the Vedavati near Kellodu, Hosdurga Taluk.

MR. BHUPALAM NANJUNDIAH (Hosdurga Taluk).—

Q.—45. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When was the estimate for a wooden bridge across the Vedavati River near Kellodu in Hosdurga Taluk prepared?

(*b*) (i) Is it a fact that the wooden bridge was not considered so useful, and (ii) an estimate for a girder bridge in lieu of it has since been prepared?

(*c*) Have the District Board consented to bear half the cost of the bridge?

(*d*) When do the Government intend to start the work?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Diwan Bahadur* N. N. AYYANGAR).—

A.—(*a*) In 1934.

(*b*) (i) Yes. (ii) Under preparation.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The work can be taken up only after the detailed estimate is sanctioned and funds could be found.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA.—Since the estimate is ready, will the Government kindly see their way to sanction the work?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That is the idea, provided finances permit.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA.—The District Board having agreed to contribute one-half of the cost, would there be any objection to take up the work with the help of that contribution, the Government grant being utilised for the later stages of construction?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The suggestion will be noted.

MR. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Even if the District Board is unable to give its quota, is it not an item of work important enough to be sanctioned from State funds?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It may be an important item of work, but it may not be possible for Government to bear all the cost.

MR. B. L. BYANNA.—What is the amount of the estimate?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Rs. 1,06,000.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—Is it not a fact that Government have already passed orders to the effect that this bridge should be constructed as early as possible and that the department should find funds for it in the course of the budget year?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes, but just now Government are not able to find their quota.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—If the contribution of the District Board is used up and the Government's share of the cost is not provided, of what avail will be the money spent by the District Board?

DEWAN.—Government hope to be able to sanction their quota of the cost of this work.

Proposals to amend the Mysore Agriculturists' Relief Regulation.

MR. H. CHANNAPPA (Davangere Taluk).—

Q.—46. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether a committee had been constituted by Government for making proposals to amend the Agriculturists' Relief Regulation? (ii) whether the committee has submitted its report to Government? and (iii) if so, whether the report will be published for the information of the people?

(*b*) Would any modifications be made to the Regulation as per suggestions of the committee and would the matter be placed for discussion in the Assembly at its next sittings?

THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. H. V. RAMASVAMI).—

A.—(*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) No.

(*b*) Yes.

Naranapur Project.

MESSRS. G. CHANNAPPA (Holalkere Taluk) and PATEL SHANKARAPPA (Chitaldrug Taluk).—

Q.—47. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether the Government intend taking up the Naranapur project in Chellakere Taluk?

(*b*) If so, whether the estimate and plans are ready? What is the cost of the estimate?

(*c*) How long will it take to complete the project?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Diwan Bahadur* N. N. AYYANGAR).—

A.—(*a*) The question will be considered after the investigation is completed.

(*b*) Gaugings of flow are being conducted to ascertain the adequacy of water. The work is estimated to cost Rs. 3,00,000.

(*c*) It depends upon the amount that can be allotted each year.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA.—Will the Government take up the work soon after the investigation is over?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—We shall try our best to do so.

MR. B. MARULAPPA.—How long has this question been under consideration?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The project itself is 30 years old, but the yield of water in the river is being gauged for 2 or 3 years past.

MR. B. MARULAPPA.—How long will that investigation take still?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It may take 2 or 3 years more.

MR. B. MARULAPPA.—Have the Government any objection to take up the work immediately on the basis of the gaugings already ascertained?

MR N. N. AYYANGAR.—I may say that the gaugings so far conducted have not led to any encouraging conclusions.

MR. B. MARULAPPA.—Will the Government kindly take it up in the near future?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It all depends upon the adequacy of water in the stream.

Restoration of the Feeder Channel to the Sreerampur Hirekere Tank, Hosdurga Taluk.

MR. B. MARULAPPA (Hosdurga Taluk).—

Q.—48. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether they are aware of their reply to Question No 31 (*h*) of the Budget Session of 1931 of the Representative Assembly that the project for the restoration of the feeder channel to the Sreerampur Hirekere Tank in the Hosdurga Taluk will be investigated further?

(*b*) What is the investigation made so far and what is the result of that investigation?

(*c*) Whether repeated representations have not been made to Government to undertake the project?

(*d*) Whether any estimate has been prepared for this project? If so, when was it prepared and for how much?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*Diwan Bahadur* N. N. AYYANGAR).—

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A project has been prepared and the question of the raiyats' contribution is pending disposal in the Revenue Department.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) An estimate for Rs. 29,500 was prepared in 1933.

MR. B. MARULAPPA.—Has not this question been pending from a very long time in the Revenue Department?

MR. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The department have taken *mutchalikas* and efforts will be made to take up the project early.

Training of Midwives.

SRIMATHI D. SAKAMMA (Women's Interests).—

Q.—49. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many stipends were